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Attention

Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We will be posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd starting Monday, and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

Notice to readers

To reduce risks to our employees and community, the Wabash Plain Dealer is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be dropped in the mail slot or called in. For news, call 260-225-4662 or email news@wabashplaindealer.com. For advertising, call 260-225-4947 or email tcampbell@pmginmi.com. For circulation and customer support, call 260-563-2131. To bring you the most accurate information about the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Wabash Plain Dealer has decided to prioritize news content over sports stories since sporting events are canceled for the time being. The Wabash Plain Dealer is committed to providing the best product to its customers and appreciates the support during this time. Thank you.

Gov. Eric Holcomb extends stay-at-home order until April 21

The stay-at-home order originally extended to April 7. That date was pushed back to April 21.

Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.
■ BMV: Closed until at least April 21. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

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Finishing up the year, virtually

Local school districts required to submit plan to state

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb, in coordination with Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick, signed an executive order to waive education requirements that cannot be met due to school buildings being closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, according to Rachel Hoff-

meyer, press secretary.

The executive order 20-20 waives incomplete requirements such as school bus drills and emergency preparedness drills. It also outlines options for school corporations to complete 2019-2020 annual staff performance evaluations.

This order comes after another one signed April 2 requiring all K-12 schools in Indiana to provide instruction via remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and outlines options for districts to continue education during the fight

against COVID-19.

To complete the school year, all schools previously received a 20-day waiver to reduce the number of required in-person or remote instruction days to 160.

Schools must continue to provide instruction via remote learning until they complete either:

■ 160 instructional days or

■ At least 20 additional days of remote learning between the date of the executive order (today) and the end of the school year. If a school completes 20

days and falls short of the required 160 instructional days, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) can waive the difference.

All K-12 schools will need to submit a plan for review and approval by IDOE by Friday, April 17. The plan can include e-Learning, extended learning, project-based or portfolio learning, competency-based learning, partnerships with higher education for increased student supports, and other similar methods.

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Wolkins welcomes pages to Statehouse



LEFT: Seth Blossom, from Wabash, attends Wabash High School.

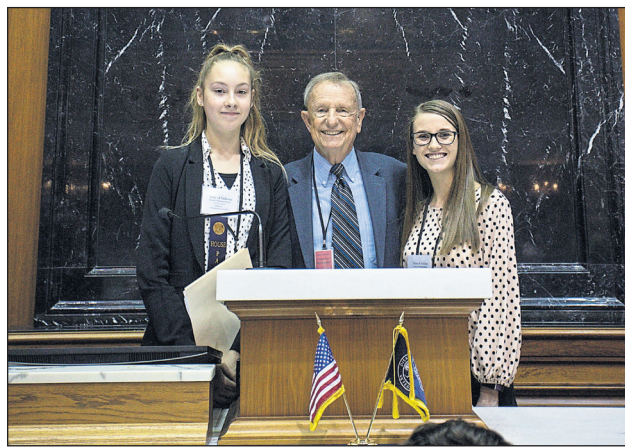


RIGHT: Jace Bullins, from Wabash, attends Wabash Middle School.

Photos provided



LEFT: Alice Guyer, from Wabash, attends Southwood High School.



RIGHT: Isabelle Frank, from Wabash, is a home school student; and Karis Troyer, from Wabash, attends Classical Conversations.

Five Wabash County students participated during the 2020 legislative session

STAFF REPORT

Rep. David Wolkins, R-Warsaw, recently welcomed local students to the Statehouse where they served as pages during the 2020 legislative session, according to a press release.

The following students served during this legislative session:

Seth Blossom, from Wabash, attends Wabash High School;

Jace Bullins, from Wabash, attends Wabash Middle School;

Paisley Clark, from Claypool, attends Edgewood Middle School;

Isabelle Frank, from Wabash, is a home school student;

Mikenzie Frank, from Marion, is a home school student;

Alice Guyer, from Wabash, attends Southwood High School; and

Karis Troyer, from Wa-

bash, attends Classical Conversations.

Through the Indiana House Page Program, these students toured offices of all branches of government in the Statehouse, helped staff with daily responsibilities and joined Wolkins on the House floor to witness the legislative process.

"I encourage students in our community to consider participating in this pro-

gram next session," stated Wolkins. "Being able to spend a day at the Statehouse is a unique and rewarding experience. Never underestimate the impact one day can have on your life."

Wolkins stated that while this year's page program has concluded, students between the ages of 13 and 18 should consider participating in 2021.

For more information, call 800-382-9841.

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Library buildings closed, but services continue

Wabash, North Manchester systems open for business online

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Though all library buildings in Wabash County are now closed for even longer, both the Wabash Carnegie Public Library and North Manchester Public Library stated they are open for business online.

WCPL

On Tuesday, the WCPL board met to discuss options for dealing with closures caused by COVID-19.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Friday, Ware W. Wimberly III, executive director, stated the main action taken was to extend the closure of the library building, not library services.

"Library staff is still working remotely primarily from home and providing resources and services online at the library's website or through social media such as Facebook to library patrons and our community," he stated.

Wimberly stated the library board didn't set a

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ISBDC offering virtual business consulting sessions

Grow Wabash County continues partnership

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County will continue to partner with the Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) to offer free, virtual confidential business consulting, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, Grow Wabash County project manager.

"Amid the current COVID-19 outbreak, many small businesses require help to survive these low-revenue periods and to make a plan to help them bounce back once the restrictions are lifted.

Through the ISBDC, business owners can receive confidential one-on-one business counseling; business-related workshops and courses; and assistance with business planning, marketing, loan packaging, business and financial analysis, market research and strategic focus, much

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Parkview Wabash Hospital welcomes first set of twins

Pair were babies 119 and 120 delivered by Family Birthing Center

Staff REPORT

The team at Parkview Wabash Hospital recently welcomed good news in the form of two unexpected guests: the hospital delivered

its first set of twins, according to Leslie Megison, media and community relations specialist.

Elaina Lynn and Branson James were born five minutes apart on April 1. Elaina weighed 3 pounds, 1 ounce, and Branson weighed 3 pounds, 4 ounces.

"To ensure the safety and privacy of the babies and their family, and to remain

consistent with ongoing guidance from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, the hospital is unable to provide additional information about the infants," stated Megison.

The twins were babies numbers 119 and 120 of the 125 infants the Family Birthing Center (FBC) team has delivered since Parkview Wabash Hospital opened in

June 2018. Before that time, the county had gone more than a decade without a labor and delivery unit.

"The hospital's FBC offers two large labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum rooms, 24/7 coverage by a skilled nursing staff and a board-certified OB/GYN, services of an experienced birth planner/lac-

childbirth preparation and early parenthood classes," stated Megison. "Though new guidelines are in place in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the hospital remains open to care for emergent health needs, including birth."

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Worldwide deaths from the coronavirus hit 100,000

By **MATT SEDENSKY**
and **JIM MUSTIAN**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The worldwide death toll from the coronavirus hit 100,000 as Christians around the globe marked a Good Friday unlike any other — in front of computer screens instead of in church pews — and some countries tiptoed toward re-opening segments of their battered economies.

Around the world, public health officials and religious leaders alike warned people against violating the lockdowns and social distancing rules over Easter and allowing the virus to come storming back. Authorities resorted to roadblocks and other means to discourage travel.

In Italy, officials employed helicopters, drones and stepped-up police checks to make sure residents didn't slip out of their homes. On Thursday alone, police stopped some 300,000 people around Italy to check whether they had permission to travel. About 10,000 were issued summonses.

Some churches held services online, while others arranged prayers at drive-in theaters. Fire-scarred Notre Dame Cathedral came back to life briefly in Paris, days before the first anniversary of the April 15 inferno that ravaged it. Services were broadcast from the closed-to-the-public cathedral.

The holiday observances came as the worldwide number of deaths tracked by Johns Hopkins University hit a bleak milestone of 100,000 since late December, when the outbreak emerged in China. More than 1.6 million people around the globe have been infected, by the university's count.

The true number of lives lost is believed be much higher because of limited testing, cover-ups by some governments, and different

counting practices. For example, in places like New York, Italy and Spain, many victims who died outside a hospital — say, in a home or a nursing home — have not been counted.

Deaths in the U.S. reached about 18,000, putting it on track to overtake Italy as the country with the highest death toll, and about a half-million Americans were confirmed infected. More than 40 percent of the dead in the U.S. were in New York state. Still, there were signs of hope.

New York state reported 777 new deaths, down slightly from the day before, for an overall toll of more than 7,800.

"I understand intellectually why it's happening," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. "It doesn't make it any easier to accept."

But state officials said the number of people in intensive care dropped for the first time since mid-March and hospitalizations are slowing: 290 new patients in a single day, compared with daily increases of more than 1,000 last week.

Cuomo said if the trend holds, New York might not need the overflow field hospitals that officials have been scrambling to construct.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel," said Dr. Jolion McGreevy, medical director of Mount Sinai Hospital's emergency department. "It's getting better, but it's not like it's going to just drop off overnight. I think it's going to continue to slowly decline over the next weeks and months."

With the pandemic slamming economies, the head of the International Monetary Fund warned that the global economy is headed for the worst recession since the Depression.

In Europe, the 19 countries that use the euro currency overcame weeks of bitter

divisions to agree on spending \$550 billion to cushion the recession caused by the virus. Mario Centeno, who heads the eurozone finance ministers' group, called the package "totally unprecedented. ... Tonight Europe has shown it can deliver when the will is there."

As weeks of lockdowns were extended in nation after nation, governments were pressed to ease restrictions on key businesses and industries.

After a two-week freeze on all nonessential economic activity, Spain decided to allow factories and construction sites to resume work on Monday, while schools, most shops and offices will remain closed. Spanish authorities said they trust that the move won't cause a significant surge in infections.

"We wouldn't be adopting them otherwise," said María José Sierra of Spain's health emergency center.


The head of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, warned that a premature lifting of restrictions could "lead to a deadly resurgence."

In Italy, the industrial lobbies in regions representing 45 percent of the country's economic output urged the government to ease its two-week lockdown on all non-essential manufacturing, saying the country "risks definitively shutting down its own motor, and every day that passes the risk grows not to be able to restart it."


Italy reported 570 additional deaths for a running total of more than 18,800 but said the number of hospital admissions is falling along with the number of patients in intensive care.

Malaysia's prime minister announced a two-week extension to the country's lockdown but said selected economic sectors can reopen in phases while following strict hygiene rules.


5-Day Weather Summary




Saturday
Chance Showers
57 / 46




Sunday
Showers Likely
58 / 41



Monday
Showers Likely
43 / 31




Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
41 / 33




Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
39 / 31

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset 8:24 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:13 a.m.




Last
4/14



New
4/22



First
4/30



Full
5/7

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 57°, humidity of 46%. South wind 6 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 65% chance of showers, overnight low of 46°. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Aunt refuses to postpone funeral

DEAR HARRIETTE: My uncle passed away recently — of old age, thank God. But he lived in my hometown, which is hundreds of miles away. I am unable to travel now, like most people these days. I want my aunt to consider postponing his funeral and making a memorial instead that could happen after we are allowed to travel freely again. She does not like that idea. She wants to host an open-casket funeral, the way that her whole family has done it for generations. Her daughters told me that she just wants closure. She is old and not of the mindset to postpone her grief. Am I being selfish to want her to delay the service? — End of Life

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



DEAR END OF LIFE: First, my condolences for your loss. What a blessing it was to have your uncle for so long. Clearly, you loved him and want to be there to send him off. Yet, you have to take his widow's wishes to heart. Many people in mourning experience a level of closure when they have a funeral service for their loved ones. If your aunt wants to host a funeral, do not stand in her way. You can ask her if she would allow the service to be live-streamed so that you can see it. You can ask a younger family member who is comfortable with technology to use a streaming service, like Facebook or Instagram, to record the service so that you can be included.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I recently started talking to a really nice guy at my job. He is so sweet, and he pays a lot of attention to me when we are around each other. Now that we have no idea when we will go back to work — or if we will still have a job — we don't see each other anymore. Everything is so new. I'm not sure that it will last if we don't have any face-to-face time.

We have been talking about sneaking out to see each other. The rules don't say that one-on-one meetings are off-limits, only group activities. But I live with my mom, who says absolutely no going out for socializing. She says

we have to stay at home except for absolute emergencies or real needs. How can I keep this relationship and follow the rules? Is it wrong to see him if we aren't 100 percent quarantined? — Love and COVID-19

DEAR LOVE AND COVID-19: Social distancing and socializing are at cross purposes with each other, and many people are struggling with how to manage their relationships at this time. Check with your local authorities to see what the rules for being in other people's company are today. They have been changing as the pandemic grows in our cities and neighborhoods.

I have seen reports of friends meeting and walk-

ing in the park while keeping a 6-foot distance between them. Theoretically, that seems safe.

Much safer is to cultivate your relationship by allowing technology to be your friend. Video chats work across many platforms. Texting, calling and emailing work. Sending each other photos — keep them clean! — is another way to keep up the interest. Be patient. Agree to stay in close touch as we all wait out this wave of uncertainty.

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THURSDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
01-02-05-29-33
Estimated jackpot: \$155,000
Cash4Life
05-10-11-52-59, Cash Ball: 1
Daily Three-Midday
0-1-7, SB: 6
Daily Three-Evening
5-2-0, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
1-4-9-5, SB: 6
Daily Four-Evening
0-4-9-5, SB: 6
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$136 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$195 million

FRIDAY'S METALS

Aluminum......65
Copper.....2.25
Lead......76
Zinc......85
Gold.....1,684.60
Silver.....15.38
Platinum.....749.24

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Friday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.22. Soybeans: \$8.61.

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Chad M. Rose

Chad Morgan Rose, 47, of Lady Lake, Florida passed away April 4, 2020 at UF Health the Villages Hospital, The Villages, Florida. He was the husband of Amy Rose.



He is also survived by his brother, Jason Rose, sister, Jodie Rose both of Wabash, IN and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, his family requests your heartfelt donations go to S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue in St Augustine Beach, Florida. <https://www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com/donatenow.html>. Arrangements by Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, The Village, FL. Condolences may be left at Hiers-Baxley.com.

Chad was born in Valparaiso, Indiana a son of Vernon and the late Cynthia Rose. Chad was the Laboratory Supervisor at UF Health the Villages Hospital.

Chad is survived by his wife, Amy Rose of Lady Lake, FL his father, Vernon Rose of Treaty, IN and daughters, Addelyn Ratcliff of Indianapolis, IN and Alicia Ratcliff of Waipahu, HI.

ISBDC

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of which can be tailored to their business' specific needs and challenges," stated Boulrisse. "The ISBDC can be that sounding board for business owners as they weigh the various loans, grants and other options afforded to them, or a source of knowledge about best marketing or sales practices."

Boulrisse stated business advisors Wes Shie and Billie Wunderlich, are here to be that resource for Wabash County businesses.

"While social distancing guidelines are still in effect, Shie and Wunderlich are offering virtual consulting sessions that can be done over the phone, via email or through video chats. These appointments are free and confidential," stated Boulrisse.

Appointments with Shie and/or Wunderlich can be scheduled through their

emails.

Shie may be reached at wshie@isbdc.org and Wunderlich may be reached at wunderlich@isbdc.org.

You may also make arrangements by calling 260-481-0500.

Boulrisse stated after the quarantine has lifted in Indiana, Shie and Wunderlich will host in-person appointments every third Thursday of the month at the Grow Wabash County office, 214 South Wabash St.

"The advisors are also flexible and willing to make other days and times work for business owners unable to make the third Thursday sessions," Boulrisse stated.

Learn more about these free business consultations and other entrepreneurship supports offered through Grow Wabash County at growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship.

For more information, visit <https://isbdc.org/services/>.

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■ Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.

■ Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssa.benefits.in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

■ Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through at least Saturday, April 11.

■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior

Center at 260-563-4475.

■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.

■ Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

■ MSD: Closed through the rest of the school year. Spring Break is scheduled through April 10.

■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory.

■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until further notice. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/ and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us, call 260-982-4773 or visit www.nman.lib.in.us.

■ St. Bernard School: Closed through the rest of the school year.

■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed through at least April 13. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email warew@wabash.lib.in.us or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary.

■ Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed. Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash.com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and

building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.

■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, except for the week of April 6, which is spring break.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit www.wabashcounty.in.gov or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

■ Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until fur-

ther notice.

■ Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

■ Woman's Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

■ WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

■ Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until at least April 13.

New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

■ Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. "Finding Neverland" has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

■ Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series "Opus Two," Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

■ Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

Road closure scheduled for Indiana 114

Culvert replacements are scheduled for Indiana 114 from County 1200 North to Indiana 15 in Wabash County.

dedication to making this launch a success."

On the eve of liftoff, the astronauts said they felt fantastic after being in strict quarantine. The sparse crowds mostly stayed a safe distance from the astronauts; even the Orthodox priest offering the customary blessing stood several feet away.

"Obviously, we'd love to have our families here with us, but it's what we understand we have to do to be safe," Cassidy said Wednesday. "The whole world is also impacted by the same crisis."

Added Ivanishin: "We've been completely isolated at this final stage of training."

There was another twist, besides coronavirus: Ivanishin and Vagner were assigned to the flight just two months ago, after one of the original Russian crewmen suffered an eye injury.

Because of the late crew swap, Ivanishin and Vagner had no clothes waiting for them at the space station.

They took a few extra outfits with them on the Soyuz, with more due to arrive on the next Russian supply ship later this month.

Officials from NASA and the Russian Space Agency were among only a few to address the astronauts, protected behind a glass wall, before they departed for the launch pad. The room normally is packed with family, friends and space program types; on Thursday, the rows of seats were almost all empty. Journalists were among those kept away.

"It was a stunning launch and docking," NASA's Mission Control radioed from Houston after the crew arrived. "And while we wish we had everyone to see you off from Baikonur, we know your family and friends, and your NASA family, were watching the whole way and couldn't be more proud."

"We're just really happy to get here," replied Cassidy, a Navy captain.

from virtual Storytimes, to painting classes, to cooking demonstrations, with more events being added all the time."

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Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at www.NElmuralfestival.com and are open through the end of May.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled from March 14 to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event's Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email keaffa.berm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener."
John 15:1

Thank you and farewell, John Prine

As we mourn the loss of thousands to the coronavirus, we must also find ways to celebrate these lives taken too soon.

This is easy with John Prine, the great American songwriter who died of virus complications on Tuesday. He was 73.

Prine is among a growing number of beloved artists lost around the world during the pandemic, each compounding the misery of their fans and adding to the poignant soundtrack of the quarantine.

Dubbed the Mark Twain of American songwriting by Rolling Stone magazine, Prine wrote songs full of wisdom and humor that celebrate the richness – and poorness – of life.

Prine was a fine musician and a masterful storyteller. He shared lasting insights into living, loving and dying without pretense or political correctness. He was a working-class Bob Dylan, a guitar-playing Raymond Carver, a modern Hank Williams.

After high school, Prine delivered mail in the Chicago area.

He was drafted and served during the Vietnam War, then delivered more mail, observing people and composing songs along the way.

Prine eventually found the courage, after a few beers, to play at a Chicago folk-music club. He was discovered by chance by film critic Roger Ebert, who wrote about the "singing mailman."

"He starts slow," Ebert wrote. "But after a song or two, even the drunks in the room begin to listen to his lyrics. And then he has you."

Prine was later discovered by Kris Kristofferson, who introduced him to the upper echelon of the early 1970s music scene, launching his career. While he never became a superstar, Prine developed a devoted following and deep respect in the industry. A resurgence in the 2000s introduced his songwriting to a new generation of fans.

"The combination of being that tender and that wise and that astute mixed with his homespun sense of humor – it was probably the closest thing for those of us that didn't get

the blessing of seeing Mark Twain in person," singer and guitarist Bonnie Raitt told Rolling Stone for a 2017 profile.

That magic endures. Prine's political songs – lamenting the human cost of failed war and drug abuse in "Sam Stone," for instance – and his wickedly funny skewering of hypocrites and false patriots, remain bracing and relevant.

During a time of social distancing and quarantines, the rich humanity and sense of closeness that Prine's songs provide are especially welcome.

To paraphrase his hit "Spanish Pipe Dream," we are all ready to blow up the TV, go to the country and eat a lot of peaches.

But this editorial board would prefer you don't also throw away the paper, as Prine suggests – at least not until you've read it.

Thank you, John Prine. May you rest in peace.

This editorial was first published in The Seattle Times.



A loose brick in Republicans' red wall

Felecia Rotellini's father, who is 104, was incensed when his family took away his car keys two years ago. He was born in a Wyoming company town that no longer exists because the coal company that owned the town is long gone. The town of Cambria, and elsewhere in Wyoming, had many coal-mining immigrants from Italy, including some relatives of Leon Panetta, the former defense secretary, CIA director and White House chief of staff.

Rotellini's father's father was a union organizer at a time when that was a more hazardous occupation than his day job of subsurface mining. He died of black lung disease. The organizer's granddaughter, an apple that did not fall far from the tree, came by her politics by family transmission. She calls herself "a John Kennedy Democrat."

Petite in size but large in ambition, as chair of Arizona's Democratic Party she travels constantly in her effort to deliver the state's 11 electoral votes (more than Wisconsin's 10) to Joe Biden, who currently has a lead of up to eight points over Donald Trump in state polls. This is one of three states (the others are Texas and Georgia) where, for Democrats, tomorrow is always full of promise but is always a day away. In 2020, however, Arizona, which has long been emblematic of Sun Belt conservatism, might be where Democrats do unto Trump what he did unto them in 2016.

Then he won by carrying three states (Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania) that had voted Democratic in at least six consecutive presidential elections. Arizona voted for President Truman in 1948. The next year, a harbinger of its conservative-libertarian future, 40-year-old Barry Goldwater, was elected to the Phoenix city

council, en route to the U.S. Senate in 1953 and the Republican presidential nomination in 1964. Arizona was the only state to vote Republican in all 11 elections 1952-1992.

George Will



It voted for Bill Clinton in 1996, but since then has remained in the Republican fold. In 2012, Mitt Romney carried it by 9.1 percentage points. But in 2016, Trump won 24 of his 30 states by larger margins than the 3.6 percentage points by which he defeated Hillary Clinton (48.7 percent to 45.1 percent) in Arizona.

Under its current master, who holds it on a short leash, the Republican Party has difficulties in suburbs, where education levels are inconveniently (for Republicans) high, and women have a peculiar abhorrence of ignorance coarsely expressed. Phoenix, the nation's fifth-largest city, has suburbs that are cities: Tempe is larger than Providence, Rhode Island, Scottsdale is larger than Salt Lake City, Mesa is larger than St. Louis, Glendale is larger than Des Moines. Phoenix and its suburbs are in Maricopa County, where Hillary Clinton came within 45,000 votes of defeating Trump, and which in 2016 cast 60 percent of Arizona's votes. Another 18 percent come from another two of the state's 15 counties, Pima (Tucson) and Coconino (Flagstaff).

In 2018, Arizona Democrats won a 5-4 majority in the U.S. House delegation and elected a Democratic U.S. Senator, Kyrsten Sinema. This year the Democratic candidate, former astronaut Mark Kelly, is favored to defeat Sen. Martha McSally. She lost to Sinema

but was appointed to the Senate after the death of John McCain. The last time Arizona had two Democratic senators was 1952, when television sets were still novelties. Democrats need to gain only two state House seats and three state Senate seats to control the legislature for the first time since 1966, when many television sets were still black-and-white. The secretary of state and superintendent of public education are Democrats.

Every day an average of 200 people bring their politics with them as they move to Phoenix. Arizona trails only Florida and Nevada among states with the lowest percentage of native-born residents.

Rotellini had the misfortune to run for state attorney general in two dreadful years for Democrats, 2010 (during the tea party backlash against George W. Bush's Troubled Asset Relief Program – TARP, Obamacare and other grievances) and 2014 (the midterm election during the second term of a president from her party). As she toils to turn Arizona blue, Trump is being helpful.

In his exuberant disregard of constitutional niceties, he "repurposed" (Washington's preferred euphemism for nullifying Congress' power of the purse) \$30 million appropriated for construction at Arizona's U.S. Army Fort Huachuca to spend on his \$18 billion border wall, which a majority of Arizonans oppose.

Speaking of walls, this year Trump will have to spend time and money to hold Arizona, another increasingly loose brick in the red wall that has protected Republicans' increasingly narrow path to 270 electoral votes. Two other such bricks are Texas and Georgia. Stay tuned.

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Trump hopes pandemic infects mail-in voting

There is only one logical reason why President Trump is so desperately trying to cast doubt on the outcome of an election that's still seven months away: He knows he is likely to lose.

To use a football analogy, it's not even halftime and Trump is already throwing Hail Marys. In recent days

Eugene Robinson



he has used his coronavirus updates to rail against mail-in voting, which will probably be the way more Americans cast their ballots in November than ever before. "Mail ballots, they cheat," he claimed Tuesday. Fact check: They don't.

From Trump's point of view, something that must look like a worst-case scenario is coming into focus.

Sen. Bernie Sanders' withdrawal from the race assures the nomination of the Democrat whom Trump least wants to face, former Vice President Joe Biden. For the past year, match-up polls have consistently showed Biden beating Trump, as Biden says, "like a drum." The Real Clear Politics average of polls also shows Biden defeating the incumbent in key swing states including Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Polls now even show Biden with a slight edge in Florida, Trump's new domicile, where he will cast a mail-in absentee ballot for himself. If Trump is losing Florida he's not about to be beaten, he's about to be crushed.

Trump's Republican base is still with him, but other key voting blocs – independents, suburbanites, women – have turned away. The relatively minor rally in his approval ratings that came when the COVID-19 crisis began is now fading, and Trump remains the only president whose Gallup approval rating has never climbed as high as 50 percent.

The president's impatience to end social distancing and get everything back to normal is dangerous and unrealistic, but understandable. He bet his reelection campaign on a roaring economy, with near-full employment and the stock market zooming to new highs. Instead, 17 million workers have filed unemployment claims over the past three weeks – more than 10 percent of the entire U.S. workforce – and the Dow fell off a cliff, losing more than 35 percent of its value in a month before recovering somewhat. For many voters, looking at their 401(k) balances is like gazing into the abyss.

Even worse for Trump, he has to try to fight the narrative that his own denial and inattention left the country more vulnerable to COVID-19 than it should have been and thus made our suffering worse. Unfortunately for him, this narrative is true.

His refusal to issue a national stay-at-home advisory, leaving that politically unpalatable task to the governors, ensures that the COVID-19 crisis will not end when it ebbs in hard-hit metropolitan areas such as New York and Detroit. Instead, experts say, we will continue to see pockets of infection flare up in small towns and rural areas – Trump country – where the president said COVID-19 was less of a problem.

The administration's failure to carry out effective testing for the virus – less than 1 percent of the population has been tested thus far – means health authorities in many areas are still largely groping in the dark. And until we have a better handle on who has been infected by the virus and who hasn't, it is hard to imagine returning to anything resembling pre-COVID "normal."

If the virus turns out not to be seasonal like the flu, as the National Academies of Sciences suggested this week, it will still be with us in November. Even if the disease does die down in warm weather and return when it gets cold, it will be back with us on Election Day. Either way, we will have to find a way to vote safely and legitimately – which will be easier than many might think.

Many states, including all of the hotly contested swing states, already allow absentee voting with no requirement that voters give a reason for requesting an advance ballot, such as having to be out of town on Election Day. Debacles such as this week's Wisconsin primary should be easy to avoid if everyone knows in advance what to expect – much more early, absentee or mail-in voting, much less in-person Election Day voting, the possibility of not having final results until days later.

Trump, if he loses, will surely make wild and unsubstantiated claims about widespread fraud: After all, he did that after the 2016 election, which he won. But I believe state election officials will stand by their vote totals. Democrats need to spend the next seven months educating voters on how to cast their ballots in the shadow of COVID-19. Trump, rather than trying to stoke fears about phantom fraud, might want to get a head start on packing his bags.

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2020. There are 264 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 11, 1980, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued regulations specifically prohibiting sexual harassment of workers by supervisors.

On this date:

In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as Emperor of the French and was banished to the island of Elba. (Napoleon later escaped from Elba and returned to power in March 1815, until his downfall in the Battle of Waterloo in June 1815.)

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln spoke to a crowd outside the White House, saying, "We meet this evening, not in sorrow, but in gladness of heart." (It was the last public address Lincoln would deliver.)

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

Today's Birthdays: Ethel Kennedy is 92. Actor Joel Grey is 88. Actress Louise Lasser is 81. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Ellen Goodman is 79. Movie writer-director John Milius is 76. Actor Peter Riegert is 73. Movie director Carl Franklin is 71. Actor Bill Irwin is 70. Country singer-songwriter Jim Lauderdale is 63. Songwriter-producer Daryl Simmons is 63.

Beau feels like odd man out with girlfriend's family

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for three years. I have been dating a woman, “Stephanie,” whom I love and believe can be my next wife. We talk about marriage and have been very good for each other.

Dear Abby



We each are blessed with three grown children, and we love our families immensely. The difference is, Stephanie socializes only with her family and has few friends who aren't related to her. I, on the other hand, have a wealth of friends and like to do a lot with them – dinner parties, sporting events, concerts, traveling, etc. My friends are great people, and she agrees with me on that, but when we make plans with them, she says she feels like an outsider and prefers to be with her family.

Currently, Stephanie sees her daughter at least three times a week and her oldest son twice a week. In addition, her ex-husband and his wife host family events almost every other weekend – birthdays, holidays, game nights, etc., and she never wants to miss them. They are so close that there are no secrets and lots of “inside jokes.” I feel very much like an outsider at times.

I love her family, and they have welcomed me with open arms, but I can't seem to get used to this much “togetherness.” Once my kids were grown and out of the house, I wanted to enjoy my life while they pursued their own fun. I'm at the point that I'm tired of her family, especially since her ex always seems to be the organizer of these get-togethers.

I don't want to hurt her or her family's feelings, but I would prefer more private time traveling or visiting with my friends and family, and we are not finding a good balance. They all attend the same church every week and even sit together as if they were still one big, happy family, even though it has been 20 years since their divorce. She tells me that I am No. 1 in her life, but her actions say otherwise. What do I do? – Different In Missouri

DEAR DIFFERENT: I suggest you stop listening to what Stephanie says and concentrate more on what you see she's doing, then act accordingly.

DEAR ABBY: I have a good friend who, every time I invite her and her husband over for dinner, always assumes their 20-year-old daughter can have a plate as well. They make her a plate before they serve themselves and take it to her.

I guess I don't mind, but I wish they would ask before assuming it's OK. Most of the time I make enough food so I have leftovers for my boyfriend to take for lunch the following day. Is she being rude? Or am I just being a not-so-nice friend? – No Leftovers

DEAR NO LEFTOVERS: What your friend is doing is rude. But don't blame her for it. This is your fault for not speaking up when this first started happening and explaining that the leftovers are intended for your boyfriend's lunch the next day, which is why you would appreciate her not taking them. A way to avoid this in the future might be to plate the food yourself rather than let your guests do it, and immediately refrigerate whatever is left. Out of sight, out of reach!

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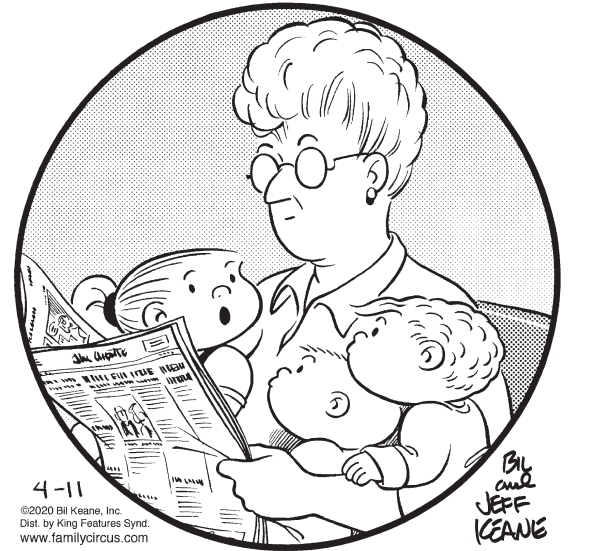
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“Mommy doesn't read us Dear Abby, Grandma, just the comics.”

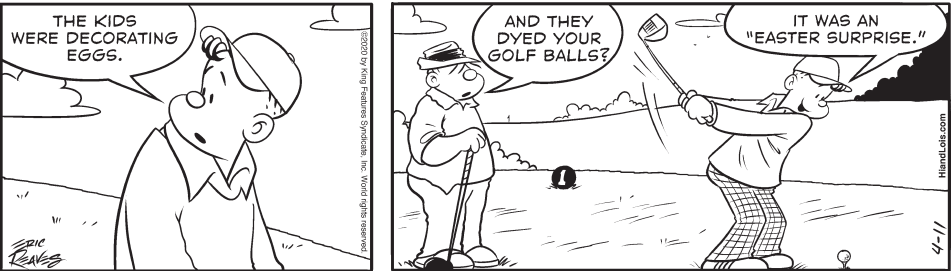
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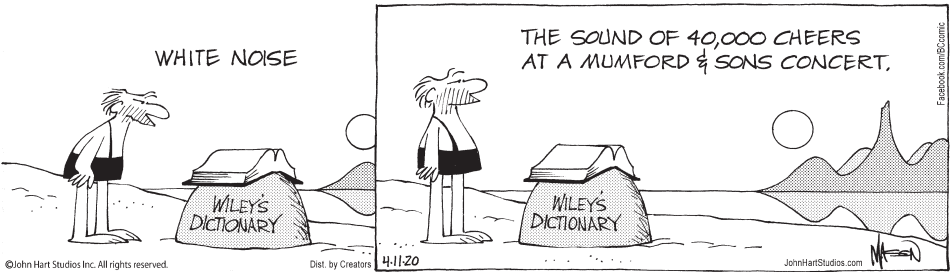
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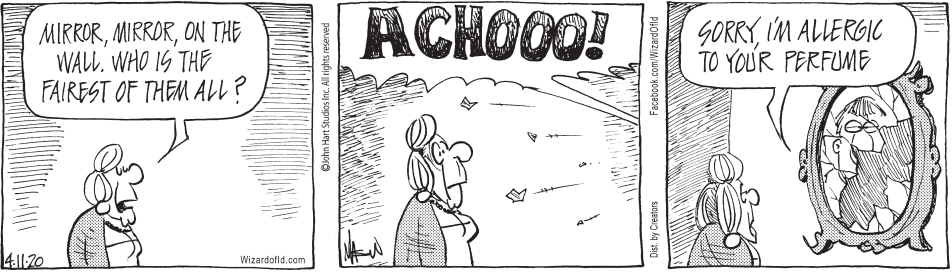
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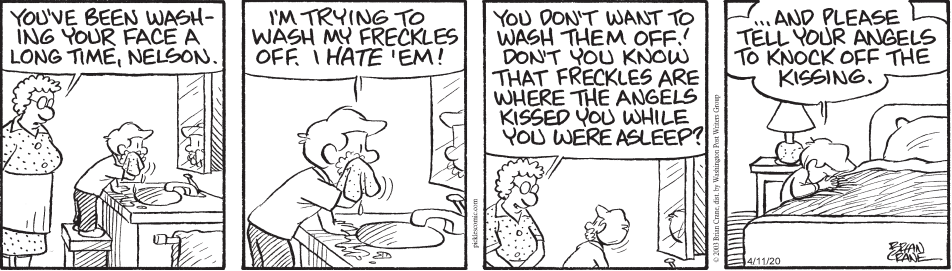
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Jesus sent by God to seek and to save the lost

From the writings of Billy Graham

Q: What does it mean that Jesus has been sent from God and that He is not of this world? – H.S.

A: One of the best-known Bible verses is: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Indeed, Jesus was sent by God to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

The Bible tells us: “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven” (John 3:13).

Jesus is Lord and in light of the evidence of Scripture and the physical fact of the resurrection, the only wise conclusion is for man to

know that Jesus is God, worthy of our worship and trust. He left the glories of Heaven to bring new life to all people steeped in sin. Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin (Galatians 3:22).

The most important events in human history were the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He conquered death and lives to give mankind new life.

Why did Jesus leave Heaven's glory and enter this sin-infected world? For one reason: to make our eternal

salvation possible. The greatest testimony to this dark world today is seeing Christ lived out in men and women dead to sin and alive unto God, bearing in their bodies “the marks of the Lord Jesus” (Galatians 6:17).

He is the light of the world. He is the way, the truth and the resurrection. He promises eternal life to everyone who believes in Him as Lord and Savior. Knowing the claims of Jesus Christ, we are faced with this vital decision: What will we do with Jesus Christ?

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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‘Houston, we’ve had a problem’: Remembering Apollo 13 after 50 years

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Apollo 13’s astronauts never gave a thought to their mission number as they blasted off for the moon 50 years ago. Even when their oxygen tank ruptured two days later — on April 13.

Jim Lovell and Fred Haise insist they’re not superstitious. They even use 13 in their email addresses.

As mission commander Lovell sees it, he’s incredibly lucky. Not only did he survive NASA’s most harrowing moonshot, he’s around to mark its golden anniversary.

“I’m still alive. As long as I can keep breathing, I’m good,” Lovell, 92, said in an interview with The Associated Press from his Lake Forest, Illinois, home.

A half-century later, Apollo 13 is still considered Mission Control’s finest hour.

Lovell calls it “a miraculous recovery.”

Haise, like so many others, regards it as NASA’s most successful failure.

“It was a great mission,” Haise, 86, said. It showed “what can be done if people use their minds and a little ingenuity.”

As the lunar module pilot, Haise would have become the sixth man to walk on the moon, following Lovell onto the dusty gray surface. The oxygen tank explosion robbed them of the moon landing, which would have been NASA’s third, nine months after Apollo 11’s Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took humanity’s first footsteps on the moon.

Now the coronavirus pandemic has robbed them of their anniversary celebrations. Festivities are on hold, including at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, where the mission began on April 11, 1970, a Saturday just like this year.

That won’t stop Haise, who still lives in Houston, from marking what he calls “boom day” next Monday, as he does every April 13.

Lovell, Haise and Jack Swigert, a last-minute fill-in who died in 1982, were almost to the moon when they heard a bang and felt a shudder. One of two oxygen tanks had burst in the spacecraft’s service module.

The tense words that followed are the stuff of space — and movie — fame.

“OK, Houston, we’ve had a problem here,” radioed Swigert, the command module pilot.

“This is Houston. Say again, please.”

“Houston, we’ve had a problem,” Lovell cut in.

Lovell reported a sudden voltage drop in one of the two main electrical circuits. Within seconds, Houston’s Mission Control saw pressure readings for the damaged oxygen tank plunge to zero. The blast also knocked out two electrical power-generating fuel cells and damaged the third.

As Lovell peered out the window and saw oxygen escaping into the black void, he knew his moon landing was also slipping away. He shoved all emotions aside.

“Not landing on the moon or dying in space are two differ-

ent things,” Lovell explained, “and so we forgot about landing on the moon. This was one of survival. How do we get home?”

The astronauts were 200,000 miles from Earth. Getting back alive would require calm, skill and, yes, luck.

“The explosion could not have happened at a better time,” Lovell said.

Much earlier, he said, and the astronauts wouldn’t have had enough electrical power to make it around the moon and slingshot back to Earth for a splashdown. A blast in lunar orbit or, worse still, while Lovell and Haise were on the surface, “that would be the end of it.”

“I think we had some divine help in this flight,” Lovell said.

The aborted mission went from being so humdrum that none of the major TV networks broadcast the astronauts’ show-and-tell minutes before the explosion, to a life-and-death drama gripping the entire world.

As flight director Gene Kranz and his team in Houston raced to come up with a rescue plan, the astronauts kept their cool. It was Lovell’s fourth spaceflight — his second to the moon — and the first and only one for Haise and Swigert.

Dark thoughts “always raced through our minds, but silently. We didn’t talk about that,” Lovell said.

Added Haise: “We never hit the point where there was nothing left to do. So, no, we never got to a point where we said, ‘Well, we’re going to die.’”

The White House, less confident, demanded odds. Kranz refused, leaving it to others to put the crew’s chances at 50-50. In his mind, there was no doubt, no room for failure — only success.

“Basically that was the name of the game: I’m going to get them home. My team’s going to get them home. We will get them home,” Kranz recalled.

For the record, Kranz never uttered “failure is not an option.” The line is pure Hollywood, created for the 1995 movie “Apollo 13” starring Ed Harris as Kranz and Tom Hanks as Lovell.

The flight controllers went into crisis mode. They immediately ordered the command module Odyssey shut down to conserve what little power remained, and the astronauts to move into the lunar module Aquarius, now a lifeboat.

One of the low points, Lovell said, was realizing they’d be cramped together in the lander.

“It was designed for two people for two days. We were three people for four days.”

The tank explosion later was linked to damage caused by electrical overheating in ground tests.

Apollo 13 “showed teamwork, camaraderie and what NASA was really made of,” said Columbia University’s Mike Massimino, a former shuttle astronaut.

In the decades since, Lovell and his wife, Marilyn, of nearly 68 years have discussed the what-ifs and might-have-beens.

“The outcome of everything is, naturally, that he’s alive,” she said, “and that we’ve had all these years.”

Apple, Google to harness phones for virus infection tracking

By **FRANK BAJAK**
and **MATT O’BRIEN**
AP Technology Writer

Apple and Google launched a major joint effort to leverage smartphone technology to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

New software the companies plan to add to phones would make it easier to use Bluetooth wireless technology to track down people for who may have been infected by coronavirus carriers. The idea is to help national or regional governments roll out apps for so-called “contact tracing” that will run on iPhones and Android phones alike.

The technology works by harnessing short-range Bluetooth signals. Using the Apple-Google technology, contact-tracing apps would gather a record of other phones with which they

came into close proximity. Such data can be used to alert others who might have been infected by known carriers of the novel coronavirus, although only in cases where the phones’ owners have installed the apps and agreed to share data with public-health authorities.

Software developers have already created such apps in countries including Singapore and China to try to contain the pandemic. In Europe, the Czech Republic says it will release such an app after Easter. Britain, Germany and Italy are also developing their own tracing tools.

Privacy and civil liberties activists have warned that such apps need to be designed so governments cannot abuse them to track their citizens. Apple and Google said in a rare joint announcement that user pri-

vacy and security are baked into the design of their plan.

The technology might serve as a stopgap in the absence of widespread testing for the novel coronavirus, which in the U.S. remains limited after production problems and limited federal coordination of the tests’ production and distribution. “It’s not a replacement for just having widespread testing, which would be more accurate,” said Tiffany Li, a visiting law professor at Boston University who studies privacy and technology. “But clearly we have a huge shortage of tests.”

Li suggested that Bluetooth signal tracking protects privacy better than the use of other options such as GPS or cell-tower based location data, which would allow centralized authorities access to the information. But it could still lead to nu-

merous mistaken alerts, she said — for instance, if someone was in full protective gear or in an adjacent apartment while physically close to an infected person.

Pam Dixon, executive director of the World Privacy Forum, said a conversation with Apple’s senior director for global privacy, Jane Horvath, assured her that the initiative will protect people’s privacy. Sensitive information will stay on individual phones in encrypted form and alerts will be handled by public health agencies, not the tech companies, she said.

“I think they’ve taken care of some of the really big problems,” Dixon said, noting the companies say they can turn off the system when it’s no longer needed. “The government is not going to have identity information of those testing positive.”

Joe Biden’s next big decision: Choosing a running mate

By **BILL BARROW**
Associated Press

Joe Biden faces the most important decision of his five-decade political career: choosing a vice president.

The presumptive Democratic presidential nominee expects to name a committee to vet potential running mates next week, according to three Democrats with knowledge of the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal plans. Biden, a former vice president himself, has committed to picking a woman and told donors this week that his team has discussed naming a choice well ahead of the Democratic convention in August.

Selecting a running mate is always critical for a presidential candidate. But it’s an especially urgent calculation for the 77-year-old Biden, who, if he wins, would be the oldest American president in history. The decision carries added weight amid the coronavirus pandemic, which, beyond its death toll, threatens to devastate the world economy and define a prospective Biden administration.

“We’re still going to be in crisis or recovery, and you want a vice president who can manage that,” said Karen Finney, a Democratic strategist who worked for Hillary Clinton’s 2016 campaign. “This seems like a much more important decision than usual.”

Biden faces pressure on multiple fronts. He must consider the demands of his racially, ethnically and ideologically diverse party, especially the black women who propelled his nomination. He must balance those concerns with his stated desire for a “simpatico” partner who is “ready to be president on a moment’s notice.”

The campaign’s general counsel, Dana Remus, and former White House counsel Bob Bauer are gathering information about prospects. Democrats close to several presumed contenders say they’ve not yet been contacted.

Biden has offered plenty of hints. He’s said he can easily name 12 to 15 women who meet his criteria, but would likely seriously consider anywhere from six to 11 candidates. He’s given no indication of whether he’ll look to the Senate, where he spent six terms, to governors or elsewhere.

Some Biden advisers said the campaign has heard from many Democrats who want a woman of color. Black women helped rescue Biden’s campaign after an embarrassing start in predominantly white Iowa and New Hampshire. Yet there’s no firm agreement that Biden must go that route.

“The best thing you can do for all segments of the population is to win,” said Biden’s campaign co-chairman Cedric Richmond, a Louisiana congressman and former

Congressional Black Caucus chairman. “He has shown a commitment to diversity from the beginning. But this has to be based on, like the VP says, who he trusts.”

Biden has regularly praised California Sen. Kamala Harris, a former rival who endorsed him in March and campaigned for him. When she introduced him at a fundraiser this week, Biden did little to tamp down speculation about her prospects.

“I’m coming for you, kid,” he said.

He’s also spoken positively of Stacey Abrams, who narrowly missed becoming the first African American female governor in U.S. history when she lost the 2018 Georgia governor’s race.

Yet those two women highlight Biden’s tightrope. At 55, Harris is talented and popular with Democratic donors,

a valuable commodity for a nominee with a fundraising weakness. But she’s also a former prosecutor who faces the same skepticism among progressives as Biden. Meanwhile, her home state is already firmly in the Democratic column and could make her an easy target for Republicans eager to blast the party as too liberal.

Abrams, 46, is a star for many younger Democrats, a group Biden struggled to win over in the primary. And she could help turn Georgia into a genuine swing state. But the highest post she’s ever held is minority leader in the Georgia House of Representatives, a possible vulnerability in a time of crisis.

Paul Maslin, a Democratic pollster based in the battleground state of Wisconsin, said it will be impossible for Biden to please everyone.

SCHOOL

From page A1

Local districts react

In response to a Plain Dealer request Friday, Mike Keaffaber, MSD superintendent, stated they had begun the Continuous Learning Plan discussion and would continue after Spring Break.

“We have a full administrative team meeting planned for Monday and then also Tuesday with different grade span principals. We will complete the plan by Friday, April 17,” he stated, “We are also working on finalizing our schedule for the rest of the school year and will have that communicated by Tuesday.”

On April 6, MSD announced their Tuesday, April 14. The previous board meeting had been held by virtual livestream on MSD’s Facebook page.

According to Missi Walt, executive secretary of Manchester Community Schools (MCS), their next board meeting was set to be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 14. The meeting will be live-streamed on the MCS YouTube page.

Multiple Plain Dealer requests for more information from Jason Callahan, Wabash City Schools (WCS) superintendent, were not returned as of press time.

Diploma requirements

The governor, in conjunction with McCormick, also directed the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) to provide flexibility April 2 for school corporations for students who are to graduate in 2020. A school corporation may issue an Indiana diploma to a student who has done all of the following:

■ Has met all of the course and credit requirements for the specific diploma design-

nation based on a combination of high school credits earned before and the course in which a student was enrolled as of March 19, when the governor issued the statewide school closure.

■ Meets any virtual or remote learning participation requirements established by the governing body of the local school corporation in response to the statewide school closure order issued by the governor.

■ Meets any additional graduation requirements established by the governing body of the local school corporation prior to the school closure order issued by the governor.

The executive order also extends teacher licenses expiring between March 1 and Aug. 31 until Sept. 1.

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Bachelor Creek Church of Christ
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Christian Heritage Church
Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church
Pastor Joe Bellone’s sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under “College Corner Brethren Church.”

Dora Christian Church
The Dora Christian Church of Lagro will have an Easter Sunday Service at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 12. Easter Sunday’s Message will be “A Lot Can Happen in 3 Days.” Services will be conducted live on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group, for which you will need to ask to join before the services start if you are not already a member of the group.

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist
Streaming services on their Facebook page.

First United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at facebook.com/wabashfirstumc.

LaFontaine Christian Church
The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church
Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Living Faith Lutheran Church
Online services only at www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren
Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile (peace poll in front of the white flowering bush).

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church
Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church
The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God
The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church
No services until travel restrictions are lifted.

Roann United Methodist Church
Pastor Wayne Balmer’s will be on the church’s Facebook page at 9 a.m. The sermon is

from John 20:1-18 titled, “The Hope of Resurrection.”

St. Bernard Catholic Church
No masses until further notice. The 9:30 a.m. service streaming on Facebook.

Southside Free Will Baptist
Streaming on their Facebook Page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God
Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish
Reverend Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanyokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren
At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church
Streaming both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene
Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk By Faith Community Church
Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann’s Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash
Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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World War I brought restrictions and name changes

In the late spring of 1918 the federal government imposed a new round of food restrictions on Americans, even though the end of World War I seemed to be in sight. Scott Davis, the federal food administrator in Wabash County, passed the word to restaurants, hotels and boarding houses that commercial establishments were now limited to serving beef only four days each week.

For some reason, the government even told these places how beef was to be prepared on those four days. Boiled beef could be served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, roast beef could be placed on menus on Wednesdays, but only at lunch, and steak could be made available for Saturday dinners. The explanation was that the action would mean an assured supply of the meat for Allied troops in Europe.

Only a couple of days later a new edict came from Washington, and this one hit children particularly hard. Scott Davis again

delivered unwelcome news when he announced that starting at 10 p.m. on June 16, soda fountains, ice cream parlors and restaurants could not serve ice cream sundaes. The explanation for this action was only that it would result in a saving of sugar.

These restrictions on certain food items in the spring of 1918 were not the only visible reminders here that the nation was still at war. Nearly every week the Plain Dealer carried new lists of draftees and enlisted men who were leaving for training, and the Service Motor Company was sending more and more convoys of trucks to army bases across the country.

The army was eager to receive the trucks which were assembled here in the factory on Stitt Street, and so soldiers came here

for brief training in how to maintain the vehicles. Eighty soldiers and two officers arrived by coach on the Wabash Railroad. They camped out on the factory grounds on Stitt Street, and when they finished their training they drove new trucks to destinations in the East. Trucks bound for military facilities in the West were loaded on railroad flatcars and taken to more distant points such as California, New Mexico and Texas. The Wabash company turned out the trucks by the hundreds and referred to the vehicles as “Liberty Trucks.”

Soon after America entered World War I in April 1917, some people here began to grumble about the name of Bismark Street in the northern part of town. Although the spelling of the street was different from that of Otto von Bismarck, the first chancellor of the German Empire, it was too close for comfort for many Wabash residents. The complaints reached a climax in the spring of

1918, and the city council finally took action and renamed the street as Lafayette Street. The new name honored Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, the French aristocrat and military officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War. Known on this side of the ocean simply as Lafayette, he became a close friend of George Washington. The change of name satisfied the critics and pleased Mayor Lorin Smith.

A somewhat similar story is told of the changing of the name of a hotel here during the war. It is said that some associated the name with that of German Kaiser Wilhelm II and shunned the hotel for that reason.

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COVID-19-related community resources

By **ROB BURGESS**
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Community Foundation establishes COVID-19 assistance program

Eligible individuals who may apply for assistance grants are individuals who have lost their jobs, income or wages related to COVID-19 business closures and layoffs, and have no other significant source of income; and are still working and need to provide for childcare (ages 0 to 12) due to school and daycare closures, and have no other significant source of income. Wabash County citizens who meet the above criteria can request applications for assistance by contacting the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as applicant sponsors including REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. To assist, visit www.cfwabash.org or mail a check to 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962, with the COVID-19 Assistance Program in the memo line.

For more information, email patty@cfwabash.org or melissa@cfwabash.org or call 260-982-4824. If you are unsure of your township, visit www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Trustees, visit the County Departments tab on the Wabash County Government website at <http://wabashcounty.in.gov/cgi.exe>.

Parkview Wabash partners with volunteers to produce PPE

The mask-making kits may be picked up from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 3718 New Vision Drive, located on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus in Fort Wayne. Volunteers should turn on to New Vision Drive from Diebold Road. Signs will be posted to indicate where you can drive up to easily receive the kits without leaving your vehicle. All completed masks can be returned to the Fort Wayne

location or to your local Parkview community hospital.

Living Well in Wabash County offers food, transportation, support

The Friendly Caller Program may be reached by calling 260-563-4475 to request a daily call to check in on you during this time when seniors will be home more than usual. Living Well in Wabash County will now pick up and deliver pre-paid groceries and essentials within Wabash County. For more information or to request special delivery call 260-563-7536. The service is based upon availability. This temporary delivery service is free to adults age 60 and older; normal one-way transit fees apply for 59 and under. Until further notice, the county-wide transit system for all ages is operating for essential travel only which is work, food, pharmacy and pre-scheduled medical within Wabash County. The hours of operation for the system are from

5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those wanting to schedule a ride or delivery should call dispatch from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 260-563-536 or toll-free at 888-498-4400. The deadline to schedule next day transit rides is 4 p.m. Adults age 60 and older ride Wabash County Transit by donation. Riders age 59 and younger pay \$2 per one way trip in Wabash and North Manchester with rides anywhere else in Wabash County at \$4 per one way trip. Low-income households can apply for the Share the Fare program.

Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations

Those who are interested in volunteering may contact Kellie Arrowood, volunteer coordinator for Second Harvest, by calling the office at 765-287-8698, emailing karrowood@curehunger.org or visiting www.CureHunger.org.

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